

**To:** Fagen, Elizabeth[Fagen.Elizabeth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wharton, Steve  
**Sent:** Wed 10/7/2015 7:09:35 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Questions re: R8 prep for the ten tribes meeting

Liz - FYI

**From:** Murray, Bill  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:57 PM  
**To:** Hestmark, Martin; Card, Joan; Garcia, Bert  
**Cc:** Spence, Sandra; Leclerc, Russell; Wieber, John; Wharton, Steve  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re: R8 prep for the ten tribes meeting

Martin,

This sounds like it might be something our EPR GIS group could handle. John, can you help us out?

Bill

**From:** Hestmark, Martin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:55 PM  
**To:** Card, Joan; Garcia, Bert; Murray, Bill  
**Cc:** Spence, Sandra  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re: R8 prep for the ten tribes meeting

Bill can you have Paula or Liz pull together a satellite picture of the upper animas district with enough resolution to show mining sources? Also do we have an additional satellite image depicting where ARSG and or BLM has performed source work? I am not aware of such and image.

**From:** Card, Joan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:47 PM  
**To:** Garcia, Bert; Hestmark, Martin

**Cc:** Spence, Sandra

**Subject:** RE: Questions re: R8 prep for the ten tribes meeting

Shaun's TPs are already done. The RAs won't be delivering a powerpoint (to my knowledge), but the info will be good background and will inform discussion. I contacted Bert to work on this based on my understanding of the work they're putting together, but I defer whether Bill's group is the right choice. Thanks. Joan

**From:** Garcia, Bert

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:25 PM

**To:** Card, Joan; Hestmark, Martin

**Cc:** Spence, Sandra

**Subject:** Questions re: R8 prep for the ten tribes meeting

Joan and Martin,

Sandie and I just spoke with Sona Chilingaryan, an RPM in the R9 remedial program, about the Oct 14 Ten Tribes meeting that Shaun will attend and speak at. Sona is assembling a small number of PPT slides to support that meeting and asked for two things from R8 that it seems the CERCLA program is best suited to respond with. I noticed from the attached email string she forwarded that the R8 CERCLA programs may not be involved just yet. They should have this information readily available, so I want to check with you before I pass this request to Bill.

Sona asked for:

- a slide showing a map of the upper Animas mining district illustrating mining features that serve as sources, and
- a slide outlining response actions taken to control sources.

So, I want to confirm two things with you:

1. That the remedial program should be in the lead to produce these slides, (I'm happy to pass the request along to Bill) and

2. Sona indicated that each region is preparing talking points for their RA re: the incident, its impacts, plans to work with stakeholders on similar threats, etc. I presume someone who's been involved in the response and the messaging has been working on those talking points – right?

Bert Garcia

Director, Ecosystems Protection Program

EPA Region 8

**From:** Chilingaryan, Sona

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:39 AM

**To:** Garcia, Bert; Spence, Sandra

**Subject:** read ahead materials for ten tribes meeting that joan card prepared attached below

FYI – This being included in the attached is what made me ask about it:

**CLEANUP PROGRESS:**

Numerous mine reclamation and mine waste cleanup projects have been completed in the Upper Animas watershed over the last 20 years. These efforts have included diverting runoff away from and capping mine waste piles, moving mine waste piles away from drainages, consolidating mine waste piles and re-vegetating mine waste piles.

**OTHER CLEAN UP EFFORTS:**

The Animas River Stakeholders Group (ARSG), a collaboration between concerned citizens and representatives from industry and federal and state agencies, was created in 1994 to address the water discharges. The ARSG, along with federal and state agencies, continue to work to clean up the mines.

In addition, ARSG has been using a watershed approach and has developed a remediation plan, recommended feasible water quality standards (which were adopted in 2001) and has implemented remediation projects throughout the Upper Animas River Basin.

**From:** Card, Joan

**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 8:23 AM

**To:** Manzanilla, Enrique; Edlund, Carl; Mitre, Alfreda; Baca, Andrew; Harrison, Melissa

**Cc:** Tenley, Clancy; Cheatham, Reggie; Chase, JoAnn; Meer, Daniel; Yogi, David; Ebbert, Laura; Kao, Jessica; Montgomery, Michael; Garcia, David; Hestmark, Martin; COYLE, BRIDGET; Tulis, Dana

**Subject:** Ten Tribes Partnership Meeting

Hi all. I've attached the proposed read ahead for the Ten Tribes Partnership meeting next week. Alfreda Mitre will send it along to them. It contains:

1. Administrator's Statement to Senate Indian Affairs, Sept. 16
2. Gold King Mine – Watershed Fact Sheet
3. Woolford Memo re: work at other mining sites, Sept. 4
4. GKM Stakeholders Alert and Notification Plan, Sept. 7
5. Incident Command Transition Plan, Sept. 17
6. Conceptual Monitoring Plan, Sept.
7. Winter Water Treatment Plant announcement, Sept. 23

I suggest we schedule a call for tomorrow or Wednesday to discuss the participants, talking points and plan for the one hour EPA agenda item. Agreed?

Joan

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